

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CERTAIN CLAIMS FROM ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS RECONCILIATION**

To the Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

1. On April 1, 2020, this Court entered the *Order (A) Authorizing Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures, (B) Approving Additional Form of Notice, and (C) Granting Related Relief* [ECF No. 12576] (the “ADR Order”), authorizing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”), the Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”), the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”), the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”), and the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA,” and together with the Commonwealth, HTA, ERS, and PREPA, the “Debtors”) to resolve general unsecured claims using the procedures approved by the court in the ADR Order [ECF No. 12576-1] (the “ADR Procedures”).

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17- BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK- 5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

2. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the ADR Order, the Debtors have filed twenty-six notices transferring claims into the ADR Procedures (as defined in the ADR Order), and have transferred approximately 1,200 claims into the ADR Procedures.

3. On March 12, 2020, the Court entered the *Order (A) Authorizing Administrative Reconciliation of Claims, (B) Approving Additional Form of Notice, and (C) Granting Related Relief* [ECF No. 12274] (the “ACR Order”), authorizing the Debtors to resolve certain Pension/Retiree Claims, Tax Refund Claims, Public Employee Claims, and Grievance Claims (each as defined in the ACR Order) utilizing the Debtors’ existing administrative reconciliation processes (the “ACR Procedures”).

4. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the ACR Order, the Debtors have filed twenty-five notices transferring claims into the ACR Procedures (as defined in the ACR Order), and have transferred approximately 45,193 claims (collectively, the “ACR Designated Claims”), into the ACR Procedures. The ACR Designated Claims will be resolved utilizing the Pension/Retiree Procedures, the Tax Refund Procedures, the Public Employee Procedures, and/or the Grievance Procedures (each as defined in the ACR Order), as set forth in the ACR Transfer Notices.

5. In light of information received, or requested pursuant to the ADR Procedures and failed to receive, from the claimants following the transfer of claims, the Debtors have determined that certain ADR Designated Claims and ACR Designated Claims will be most efficiently resolved via omnibus objections. Accordingly, the Debtors hereby remove from the ADR Procedures the claims identified on Exhibit A hereto, and remove from the ACR Procedures the claims identified on Exhibit B hereto.

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San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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